

- My fellow modellers and I work closely with school children, and use this sport to interest them in aviation and science. The kids who become involved in this sport are exposed to many aspects of engineering and history, and have the opportunity to learn the practical application of many technologies. This sport has been a great training ground for future pilots, scientists, and engineers. At the same time, the kids have a lot of fun with a sport which is inherently constructive and educational. The NPRM threatens the entire modeling hobby, and these kids will lose these opportunities.
- Most of the folks I know in this sport are people who work for a living and cannot afford to fly real aircraft. This is the "little guys" approach to aviation. The financial impact of the NPRM will be devastating to us.
- The proposed changes pose a safety risk. The new frequencies are for mobile transmitters. If such a transmitter traveled into an area where model aircraft were operating, control of the aircraft could be lost. The people I know in this sport are mature and safety-conscious individuals - we deliberately exclude (to the extent that we can) anyone who does not practice safe flying habits; among other reasons, we will not accept the liability risks in our clubs of those who are careless or immature, nor do we wish such persons to fly near our families. Due to the financial impact of the proposed FCC changes, however, the temptation will exist for those whose frequencies are over-ridden to "try to get by". Worse yet, they may actually believe the hand waving assurances of the FCC and big business that there is no problem. I am dismayed that the FCC has not accounted for the safety implications of the proposed changes.

Mr. Ford, please help us in asking the FCC to review the NPRM, with a goal of finding a solution which is acceptable and beneficial to all parties involved. There need not be any losers on this issue. We are not asking for special privileges, nor do we seek to restrict the rights of others. We can all safely co-exist if we are willing to talk about the issues and the alternatives. What is needed is for the FCC to be asked to consider the rights and needs of both business and private citizens. To this end, I seek your support and assistance. Please review and support the recommendations of the Sport Flyers Association and the American Modellers Association; they represent the interests of many private citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Dave Symanow
46028 Rockledge
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Honorable William Ford
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. William Ford,

I am writing this letter in reference to the proposed rule change PR Docket 92-235.

I am a member of the ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS and have been for the last 22 years. I build and fly radio controlled model airplanes. I am a member of 2 large clubs in my area-the Signal Seekers R/C CLUB and the CAN-AM PYLON SOCIETY.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule change currently under consideration by the F.C.C. (PR DOCKET 92-235) If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-75 MHZ band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the F.C.C. wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many mobile land frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted. This action would not only make our equipment obsolete, but make the new equipment more expensive due to the closer spacing of the frequencies. I presently own seven radio control systems and they were purchased in the \$200.00 each range, so you can see this rule change can and would be very expensive to upgrade to the new equipment. =


When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and spectators. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the F.C.C., the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 pounds. These models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the model airplane. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. I compete at local and national events for radio controlled pylon racing, in this competition three or four model airplanes race against each other at speeds of 110 MPH to 160 MPH. These are real speeds and not scaled speeds and the model airplanes weigh from two and a half pounds to five pounds. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the F.C.C. to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The F.C.C. may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the F.C.C. to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Best Regards,


Dennis Sumner
46849 Larchmont
Canton, MI 48187

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Honorable William F. Forst
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Mr. Forst:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model aircraft.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is RF Docket 92-233. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model aircraft. I own many pieces of radio control equipment worth about \$100,000 that would be rendered unusable if this new frequency program is adopted.

Our radio frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model aircraft, only 10 will be left if these new rules are adopted.

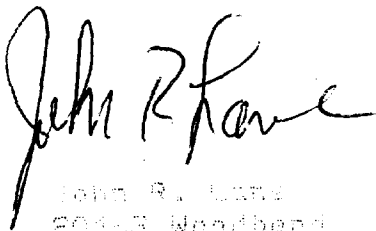
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Models that I operate (and many like it) weigh as much as 30 to 60 pounds, have wing spans over seven (7) feet, and achieve speeds in excess of 100 mph. The models are expensive to build (one large aircraft, taking into account labor can easily exceed \$20,000 in cost. Engines alone can cost over \$1000.00) but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if interference causes the operator to lose control of the aircraft. We often fly at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We require the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it wise of the FCC to seek to license the operating
stations of land mobile radio except on the expense of radio repair
stations. The FCC says at times we are a "business" as business radio
radio, but we have a considerable investment in our radio and in our
radio equipment. The hobby/sports provides new means of recreation to
hundreds of people like myself and contributes to the recreational and
development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the life enjoyment of my pastime by not
allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal. For 72-73 the same.

Sincerely,



John R. Lane
20443 Woodbend
Northville, MI 48167
734-548-1350

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

1428 Surrey Hts. Dr.
Westland, Michigan 48185
January 29, 1993

Messrs Carl Levin & Wm. D. Ford

RE: PR Docket 92-235

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently underconsideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

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When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

George W. Hoenicke

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Melbourne A. Rellinger
33956 Blackfoot
Westland, MI 48185

February 3, 1993

The Honorable William D. Ford
239 Cannon, House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Congressman Ford:


I am an active radio control model aircraft enthusiast. We need your assistance in a matter that has significant personal, financial and safety liability considerations for hundreds of your constituents in Michigan as well as thousands of others across the Nation.

The Federal Communications Commission has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM-PR Docket 92-235) which, if implemented, would restructure frequency allocations by the insertion of new Land Mobile Service frequency channels immediately adjacent to some of the frequency channels currently reserved for model aircraft use! I am told that, if implemented, 92-235 will result in the loss of 31 of the 50 frequency channels currently in use by the radio control aircraft community.

We fought for over a decade to obtain the use of our 50 channels with adequate spacing. Our fundamental consideration in frequency separation is SAFETY!! We cannot tolerate any potential frequency interference that would cause us to lose control of our aircraft and risk possible spectator injury and - yes, even death! The bottom line is, 92-235 puts new Mobile Land frequencies dangerously close, too close, to those frequencies currently in use by the model aircraft community and effectively negates the use of 31 of 50 frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become overly congested and the margin of safety will be greatly reduced - a situation we cannot allow. We need the continued use of our full complement of radio frequencies to assure a safe flying environment for participants and spectators alike.

Please help us to continue the safe enjoyment of our sport and hobby by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals in the 72-76Mhz frequency band.

Sincerely,


Melbourne A. Rellinger
Midwest R/C Society, Inc.
AMA Chapter #711

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Richard K. Sievert
18265 Arselot Drive
Northville, MI 48167

February 15, 1993

The Honorable William Ford
United States House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Ford,

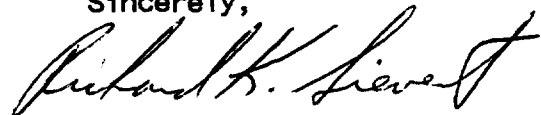
I have been actively involved in the sport of constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes for the last fifteen years.

Myself and my 125 fellow club members of the Mid West R/C Society in Northville are very concerned about the massive restructuring of frequencies that are currently under consideration by the F.C.C. The proceeding is P R Docket 92-235. If adopted, this law will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies now assigned to us.

When we fly our models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the F.C.C., the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be significantly decreased.

I would greatly appreciate your help in maintaining the existing frequencies as currently assigned to our sport.

Sincerely,



Richard K. Sievert

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WESTLAND, MI. 48185

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Feb 7, 1993

Representative William D. Ford

Honorable Sir,

My letter to you concerns a Federal Communications Commission Docket 92-235 which would - seriously affect the operation and safety of radio controlled models on the 72-76 MHz band. I and thousands of radio controlled hobbyists have thru association with Academy of Model Aeronautics safely enjoyed the radio frequencies allotted by the F.C.C. for our models. We modelers along with manufacturers, and retailers of low power transmitters & receivers, feel it unjust to put our frequencies so close to much more power than our 1/2 watt allowance. The docket would challenge the safety of ours and the people who like to watch us fly. In the interests of we who so much enjoy the hobby of radio controlled models we hope you will decide in our favor to defeat Document 92.2. Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby by not allowing the F.C.C. to carry on its proposal for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely and with Thanks

Carroll E. Libke Westland Mich

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January 22, 1993

The Honorable David E. Bonior
2207 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Mr. Bonior:

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C (radio controlled) model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability. I personally own 1 radios, 1 R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models.

Our radio-controlled frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-controlled frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 KHz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

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I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-controlled modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

Gene Morse

February 3, 1993

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Mr. Bob Carr
2347 Rayburn
Washington, D.C. 20515

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Mr. Carr:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Krupka

Robert M. Krupka
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Northville, Michigan 48167

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Sincerely,

John C. Morse

February 8, 1993

The Honorable William D. Ford
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Mr. Ford:

My favorite pastime is building and flying radio controlled planes. I'm 42 years old and I have been involved in the hobby since I was 12 years old. I am a member of three local clubs and we all pride ourselves in the SAFETY aspect of the sport. My current investment in the sport is in the thousands of dollars.

FCC proposal in PR Docket 92-235 would quickly make much of my radio equipment obsolete -- Of the 50 frequencies available for radio control aircraft, only 19 would be left if these rules are adopted. Unfortunately, the majority of frequencies I use would be among the 39 which would be made unusable -- primarily for public safety reasons.

Please consider the NEGATIVE impact that the passage of FCC Proposal PR Docket 92-²³⁵~~234~~ would have on those who enjoy this fascinating sport/hobby and help protect the relatively large investment that both young & old have in the sport.

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From: Mr. [unclear]

1318 5th St. N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20540

Re: FCC Rules Change

PR Docket 92-235

TO: Honorable: William Ford

RE: WILLIAMS

I am very very Active in Radio Controlled Airplane
"models". This Hobby brings great pleasure to many people.

It involves many businesses from manufacturing to
sales of models and equipment. The Hobbyist spend
a lot of money on this equipment and models.
This keeps people employed.

I am very concerned about a proposed rules change
by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If these rules
changes are adopted they will greatly reduce
the usability of frequencies currently assigned
to model use. This also allows over lapping of frequencies
increasing the risk of accidents and attendant liability
for controlling model Air planes. This will cause
many modelers to leave this hobby perhaps costing
jobs. If you could leave these frequencies from
72-76 MHz to the present users, the radio controlled
modelers and myself would be grateful.

Thank you,
[Signature]

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Stephen J. Szuminski

3531 Pheasant Run Circle, Apt. 8
Ann Arbor, MI 48108-2475

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OFFICE OF WILLIAM D. FORD

February 8, 1993

The Honorable William D. Ford
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Ford;

I am a pilot for a major airline. I also build and fly radio controlled model aircraft.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering a proposal that would greatly influence my ability to continue to enjoy that hobby. The proposal is PR Docket 92-235.

If PR Docket 92-235 is adopted, the FCC will create several more useable frequencies in the 72 - 76 MHz band for use by the cellular phone industry. This will be accomplished by placing the new frequencies between and beside frequencies used by radio control aircraft.

This close location on the frequency band, coupled by the fact that the power output of cellular phones is several times greater than that of radio control, combine to make a situation where a cellular phone "bleed over" can literally shoot an airplane out of the sky. In a hobby where safety must be paramount, the risk will become too great and the sport of radio control flying may well cease to exist.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of Radio Controlled Model Flying by NOT allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals in PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Szuminski

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Feb. 8, 1993

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The Honorable William Ford
U.S. House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20515

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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My name is Bill Futrell, A-M-A- #356790. I am retired, and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing, and operating radio-controlled model airplanes and model cars. I am also a licensed pilot, fixed wing, and Helicopter #1891326 rated.

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club, whose members enjoy building and flying model airplanes and R/C cars.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Response greatly
appreciated.

Sincerely,
Billie F. Felt

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The Honorable William Ford February
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington D. C. 20515

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Sir: My reason for this letter to you
concerns the Federal Communication Commission
(FCC) issuing a notice of proposed rule making
NPRM - PR - 92-235.

This proposed new set of rules will
drastically reduce the use of frequencies currently
assigned to the model airplanes, cars, boats,
and increase the margin of safety. Please
understand that many Model airplanes have
a wing span of 8 ft or better and can
weigh as much as 40 lbs. The 72-76 MHz
band of which 50 frequencies are presently
available for radio control planes only 19
of these will be left. The FCC wants to
make more land based frequencies by
splitting them into more narrow band
widths. The result is the frequencies
will be moved closer to the radio
control frequencies and will cause
interference to radio models. With the
interference, the safety aspect goes out
of control. We have very strict rules
now by. Without these proper frequency
separation. "Look out"

separation. Look out

I have been building models for over 50 years, from rubber band driven types to the very complicated and costly models of today. My son, as a very young boy, built model airplanes. I taught him the importance of reading, math, patience and above all the ability to think.

To this day I contribute this training to his success as a Mechanical Engineer. His young son is receiving the same training.

We need your help to continue the safe operation and enjoyment of this sport by not letting the FCC implement its proposals in the 72-76 MHz Band.

Sincerely,
William E. Brown Jr.
39603 Village Run Dr.
Northville Mi. 48167.

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January 22, 1993

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The Honorable David E. Bonior
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Dear Mr. Bonior:

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C (radio controlled) model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability. I personally own 3 radios, 6 R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models.

Our radio-controlled frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-controlled frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 KHz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-controlled modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

William D. Holt

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM FORD
2107 RAYBURN, WASHINGTON DC 20510

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DEAR MR. FORD

I AM RETIRED AND DERIVE MANY HOURS OF ENJOYMENT FROM CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL AIRPLANES. I BELONG TO A CLUB OF ALMOST TWO HUNDRED MEMBERS AND A PARENT CLUB, AMA, OF THOUSANDS. I DO NOT THINK IT IS WISE OF THE FCC TO SEEK TO IMPROVE THE OPERATING CONDITIONS OF LAND MOBILE RADIO USERS AT THE EXPENSE OF RADIO CONTROL MODELERS.

I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT PROPOSED RULES THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. THE PROCEEDING IS DOCKET 92-235. IF ADOPTED, THE NEW RULES WILL GREATLY REDUCE THE USABILITY OF FREQUENCIES CURRENTLY ASSIGNED FOR MODEL USE AND INCREASE THE RISK OF ACCIDENTS AND ATTENDANT LIABILITY FOR CONTROLLING MODEL AIRPLANES.

PLEASE HELP ME CONTINUE THE SAFE ENJOYMENT OF MY PASTIME BY NOT ALLOWING THE FCC TO CARRY OUT ITS PROPOSALS FOR THE 72-76 MHZ BAND.

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DEAR MR. FORD

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I AM AN ACTIVE COMPETITOR IN
LOCAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS. AS
WELL AS A MEMBER IN NATIONAL
AND LOCAL CLUB. WHOSE MEMBER
ENJOY CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING
RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL AIRCRAFT

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Ann Arbor Michigan
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DEAR MR. FORD:

I AM AN AVIATION MODEL AIRPLANE
ENTHUSIAST--- HAVE BEEN FOR 48
YEARS. PR DOCKET 92-235 WILL
REDUCE THE SAFETY FACTOR OF OUR
AIRCRAFT TO ALMOST ZERO!!!

COULD YOU PLEASE LET THE
F.C.C. KNOW HOW WE MODELERS
FEEL. WE DEARLY LOVE OUR HOBBY
AND WISH TO PURSUE IT TO THE
FULLEST AND WITH YOUR HELP, TO
SAFEST WE CAN MAKE IT.

Thank you

Robert L. Shuster

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The Honorable William Ford
2107 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Ford,

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model aircraft. I am retired and derive many hours of pleasure from building and operating radio controlled model aircraft.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the federal communications commission (FCC). The proceeding is P R 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes. When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many models have wingspans up to 10 feet, and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds, and operate at speeds up to 100 miles per hour! The models themselves are expensive to build, but more important, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events where hundreds of operators and spectators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band!

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM D. FORD

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February 4, 1993

The Honorable William Ford
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Representative Ford:

Since I was ten years old, that's back in the 30's, I've been involved in building and flying model airplanes. As a teenager dozens of models draped my bedroom walls, as I dreamed of WWII air combat. In the 1950's radio control of these otherwise unpredictable flying machines began to become a reality. It's hard to estimate the enjoyment my children I and have received from this challenging and exciting aspect of the hobby in my twenty five years of participation. I feel part of my two sons and my success in the world of manufacturing in the Detroit area is due to our involvement in radio control model airplanes. Soon I will be retired. My plans are to stay in Plymouth and finally devote the time I want to my favorite activity, building and flying model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned to model use and increase the risk of accidents and liability of flying model airplanes.

Model radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHZ band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the mobile frequencies to share the band without either interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I understand that of the 50 frequencies presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes, my friends and I go to great lengths to assure safety to operators, bystanders and property, careful use of the radio control frequencies included. If the number of usable frequencies is reduced as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested greatly decreasing the margin of safety .